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RETIRED ATTORNEY RECEIVES FIVE YEAR PRISON SENTENCE **FOR FEDERAL CHILD PORNOGRAPHY CONVICTION**

SANTA FE – United States Attorney Kenneth J. Gonzales announced that this morning, Chief United States District Judge Bruce D. Black sentenced **Robert A. Warren**, a 71-year-old retired attorney who resides in Santa Fe, New Mexico, to a five-year term of imprisonment based on his federal child pornography conviction. After completing his prison sentence, Warren will be on supervised release for five years and will be required to register as a sex offender. Warren also is required to pay a \$50,000 fine.

Warren was charged on May 11, 2010 in a superseding indictment alleging five counts of receipt of child pornography and two counts of possession of child pornography. On August 30, 2010, Warren entered a guilty plea to count 2 of the indictment, which charged him with receipt of child pornography, under a plea agreement with the United States Attorney's Office. Judge Black dismissed the remaining six counts of the indictment today after he sentenced Warren.

In his plea agreement, Warren specifically admitted to receiving a three minute and fifteen second video depicting an adult male performing sexual acts on a young prepubescent female. Warren has been in federal custody since entering his guilty plea. According to the plea agreement, Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) recovered multiple computers and computer-related media (*i.e.*, hard drives, compact disks, printed images)

containing visual depictions of minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct (child pornography) when they executed a search warrant at Warren's residence on June 18, 2008. The plea agreement indicates that forensic examination of Warren's computers and computer media uncovered more than 2600 images and 26 videos of child pornography.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Charlyn E. Rees and Sasha Siemel, and was investigated by FBI in partnership with the Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), U.S. Department of Homeland Security. It was brought as part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative launched in May 2006 by the Department of Justice to combat the growing epidemic of child sexual exploitation and abuse. Led by U.S. Attorneys' Offices and the Criminal Division's Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section, Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state and local resources to better locate, apprehend and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet, as well as to identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit www.projectsafechildhood.gov.

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